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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 1902
Station 5-38
Date MAY 5, 1938

Date May 5, 1938

Subject Communication dated 30.4.38 from the Portuguese Consulate-General concerning Mr. Nicolas Scholl Engberts.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev *Forwarded by* C. Crawford. D.D.

Enquiries show that Nicolas Herman Scholl-Engberts, 42, reported to be a Russian of Netherlands origin, arrived in Shanghai in March, 1930. In August of the same year he registered with the Municipal Police as a candidate for the post of a police-watchman or bodyguard. Subsequently, he served as a bodyguard to Mr. Loh Ming Cheng, Compradore, Dibrell Brothers Inc., 12 The Bund, from 27.4.31 to 12.11.31. He left this position on his own accord and with a good testimonial. In February, 1932 he was engaged as a police watchman by the Pioneer Knitting Mill, 10 Rangoon Road, in which capacity he worked until 27.7.33 when his services were dispensed with. During this period he was fined two days' pay on a charge of absence from duty and assault and was also warned against drinking. However, on discharge he was given a good testimonial by the manager of the Pioneer Knitting Factory. In Summer 1934 he was engaged in the same capacity by the New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works, 640 Yangtszepoo Road, but in October of the same year was replaced by another man at the request of his employers, who found his services unsatisfactory.

He is not on the list of approved candidates for the post of police watchmen at present.

Engberts is known to have been employed as a stoker at the Yangtszepoo Power Station in 1936.

There is nothing in Municipal Police records against him.

A. Prokofiev

D.C. (Special Branch) D. S. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
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Date 6 5 38

May 5 38.

Dr. Antonio Alves,
Consul-General for Portugal,
Shanghai.

Sir,

Mr. Nicola Scholl Emeberia.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 138-DV dated April 30, 1938, and in reply have to inform you that there is nothing in Police records detrimental to the above man. A report is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) F. W. Gerrard

Commissioner of Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
1902
CONSULADO GERAL DE PORTUGAL
Date 6-5-38
SHANGHAI.

30th April 1938
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
FAUO JARTER
GENERAL REGISTRY
No. F 3207/
Date 2/5/38

No. 132-DV.

Pr. 178.

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Sir:

Mr. Nicola Scholl Engberts at present residing at 101 Avenue du Roi Albert, House No. 11, who wishes to obtain employment on one of the Portuguese vessels as a guard, informed me that he has been in the services of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

I shall therefore be obliged if you could let me have some information as to his records during the term of his employment with you.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

p.p. Dr. Antonio Alves,
Consul General.

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.

No.3883.

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SHANGHAI, 20th November 1936

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18th November, No.D.1902, concerning N.Scholl-Engberts, and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Consul-General.

Major K.M.Bourne,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

1902
18-11-36

November 18 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 3852 dated November 16, 1936, and in reply, to inform you that Nicholas Scholl-Engberts is at present employed as a stoker at the Yangtszepoo Power Station of the Shanghai Power Company. He resides at 17/130 Kungping Road, Tel. No. 52121.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,
Netherlands Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 2, Special Branch Established,

REPORT

Date November 18, 19 36.

Subject Nicolas Scholl-Engberts: enquiry from Netherlands Consulate-General.

Made by D.P.S. Henchman Forwarded by J Boyce D S I

With reference to the attached enquiry I have to state that Nicholas Scholl-Engberts is at present employed as a stoker at the Yangtszepoo Power Station of the Shanghai Power Company; he resides at 17/130 Kungping Road, Tel. No. 52121.

D. P. S.

D. C. (Special Branch)

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No.3858.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
S. B. D. 1902
17 11 36

SHANGHAI, 16 November 1936.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Mr.Aiers' letter No.S.B. D.1902 of January 30, 1931, concerning the former Netherlands' subject Nicolas Scholl Engberts and to inform you that about a week ago I received a visit from his wife Madame Nathalie Scholl-Engberts, born at Petrograd on May 17th, 1900, holder of a passport No.17191, issued to her by the Acting Consul for the Netherlands at Newchang on February 20, '29, which states no nationality, but on which a note has been made by the Netherlands Legation at Peiping on October 14, 1931 to the effect that her husband has petitioned Her Majesty, the Queen of the Netherlands, again to bestow upon him the Netherlands' nationality.

Mrs. Scholl-Engberts is anxious to get into touch with her husband once more and has asked my intermediary to obtain his address.

In the course of the last few years he has been a body-guard to a Chinese and afterwards a watchman with the Council, in which latter capacity I understand his services were not very satisfactory.

It is a long time however since I have heard from him and it is possible that he has left Shanghai.

Nevertheless I should be grateful if inquiries could be made as to his present whereabouts.

Mrs. Scholl-Engberts is living at 31 Rue Massenet c/o Mmes. de Veyod.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Chinese-Secretary.

To the [illegible],
Special Branch,
Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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Consult contents Copy
of [illegible] Branch

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[redacted]DEN-CHINA.

No. [redacted].

C. & S. I.C.O.
No. S. B. D. 1902.
SHANGHAI, 31-1-1931.
7-2-31

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.S.B. D.1902 dated the 30th instant regarding M.Scholl-Engberts and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Chinese Secretary.

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R.C.Aiers, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Crime & Special Branches,
SHANGHAI.

S.B. D.1902

S. B. D. 1902.
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CONFIDENTIAL.

January 30, 31.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter, No. 93 of January 10, regarding Nicolas Scholl-Engberts, who resides at No.72 Kungping Road, and to inform you that there is nothing in Police records detrimental to his character.

The following information, the authenticity of which I am unable to guarantee, has been obtained concerning him:-

Scholl-Engberts was born at Petrograd of respectable parents and was educated in that city, where his mother still resides. Being a Netherlands subject he was exempt from military service in Russia and did not participate in the Great War, nor has he been employed in the military or civil service of any other country. After the Russian revolution in 1917, he went to Harbin where he worked for about a year with Kunst & Albers, and afterwards made his living by selling on commission goods which he peddled from house to house. He came to Shanghai in the Spring of 1930, and has since continued to make his living by peddling as well as giving lessons in the German language.

It is said that he was once married to a woman of Netherlands origin whom he divorced after three years. He is now believed to be on intimate terms with a Mrs. Serafima Nikolaevna Serduk, who is employed as a dancing girl in the Victoria Cabaret, Rue Chu Pao San, French Concession. She has two children, a daughter 12 years of age, and a son 9 years of age.

As far as can be ascertained Scholl-Engberts is not connected with politics in any way.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Deputy Commissioner
(Crime & Special Branches)

Consul-General for the Netherlands,

Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. & S. L. R.L.C.S. Station,
No. S. B. D. 1902
Date January 27, 1931.
Cte 28 - 1 - 31.

REPORT

Subject (in full) Nicolas Schell-Engberts.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky. *Forwarded by* W. Duncan D.S.I.

Sir,

With reference to the attached letter of January 10, 1931 from the Consulate General for the Netherlands re Nicolas Schell-Engberts residing at No. 62 Kungping Road, inquiries show that his grandfather emigrated from the Netherlands to Russia and was a well known manufacturer of linen and underwear in Petrograd. N. Schell-Engberts' father was a wealthy man and was managing director of the administration of "Alapaevsk Iron Works" (in Ural East Russia). He was also a member of the administration of the "Krevlia" Iron Factory. His mother, Née Fedoroff, is a Russian of good family and is now living with her daughter in Leningrad.

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N. Schell-Engberts received his education at the St. Catherine School (German middle school) in Petrograd and later in a commercial book-keeping school. Being a Netherlands subject, he did not participate in the Great War and is not known to have held any Government post. After the revolution in 1917 N. Schell-Engberts arrived in Harbin where he was employed with Kunst & Albers for about one year, after which he was engaged in peddling goods on a small commission basis. He is reported to have been married to a woman of Netherlands origin whom he divorced after three years. For the past few years he has co-habited with Mrs. Serafima Nikolaevna Serduk, Russian, 32 years of age, dancing partner by profession, employed at the "Victoria Cabaret," Rue Chu Pao San, French Concession. She has two children, a daughter, 12 years of age and a son, 9 years of age. It is not known whether her husband is dead or not.

Schell-Engberts arrived here in the spring of 1930

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Made by *Forwarded by*

and has not held any permanent position since. On occasion he engages in peddling and also gives German lessons.

There is nothing in Municipal Police records to his detriment and he is not known to be interested in politics.

G. Tcheremshansky
D. S.

D. C. (C. & S. Branches)

Reg. Letter please in accordance with attached draft.

29:1:31

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.
No. 98

SHANGHAI, 10th January 1931.

SHANGHAI
C. & S. L. REC'D.
No. S. B. D. 1902.
date 13 - 1 - 31.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a certain Nicolas Scholl-Engberts, born at Petrograd, 22 January 1896, of Netherlands parents, arrived in Shanghai in spring of last year. He lost his Netherlands nationality through failing to declare in time his wish to retain it, but he was often financially supported by my nationals, both in North China and in Shanghai.

He does not speak his own language, only Russian, German and some Chinese. English he speaks a little.

It appears that during his stay in Harbin, where he arrived from Vladivostok, he has always been in straitened circumstances, and he seems to have associated with bad characters, who brought him in conflict with the law.

In Shanghai he was also in constant financial difficulties, and received assistance from the Netherlands Benevolent Society and other Relief organisations while efforts were made to find him a job. Under instructions from the Government no financial support could be given him by this Consulate General.

At present he seems to be occupied in peddling goods on a small commission basis.

In October of last year Scholl-Engberts petitioned Her Majesty the Queen of The Netherlands to allow him to regain his Netherlands nationality through naturalisation, and I am now directed to make a report concerning his social status and past activities.

I would be much obliged therefore to know whether his presence in Shanghai ever gave rise to special observations and especially whether he is known to entertain revolutionary leanings and should be considered as a dangerous person.

I

[redacted], Esquire,
[redacted] Commissioner of Police,
[redacted] Special Branch,
SHANGHAI.

* Sir,
No record in Sp. Br. Reg.
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I would also like to know whether he has been in foreign Russian military or government service (customs, posts, etc.).

As far as I know Scholl Engbert's address is now at 62 Kungping Road. Before that he lived at 643 Ave. Joffre, and 26/27 Chaomfoong Road. For a short time he took English lessons with a Mr.M. I. Scherstnew of 16 Rue Massenet(formerly 27 Route des Soeurs).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H.H. Spoerman

Consul-General.